

## M 5.9, New Ireland region, Papua New Guinea

Origin Time: 2023-11-12 04:51:41 UTC (Sun 14:51:41 local)

Location: 3.6250° S 151.3248° E Depth: 10.0 km

Created: 1 day, 0 hours after earthquake

### Estimated Fatalities



Green alert for shaking-related fatalities and economic losses. There is a low likelihood of casualties and damage.

### Estimated Economic Losses

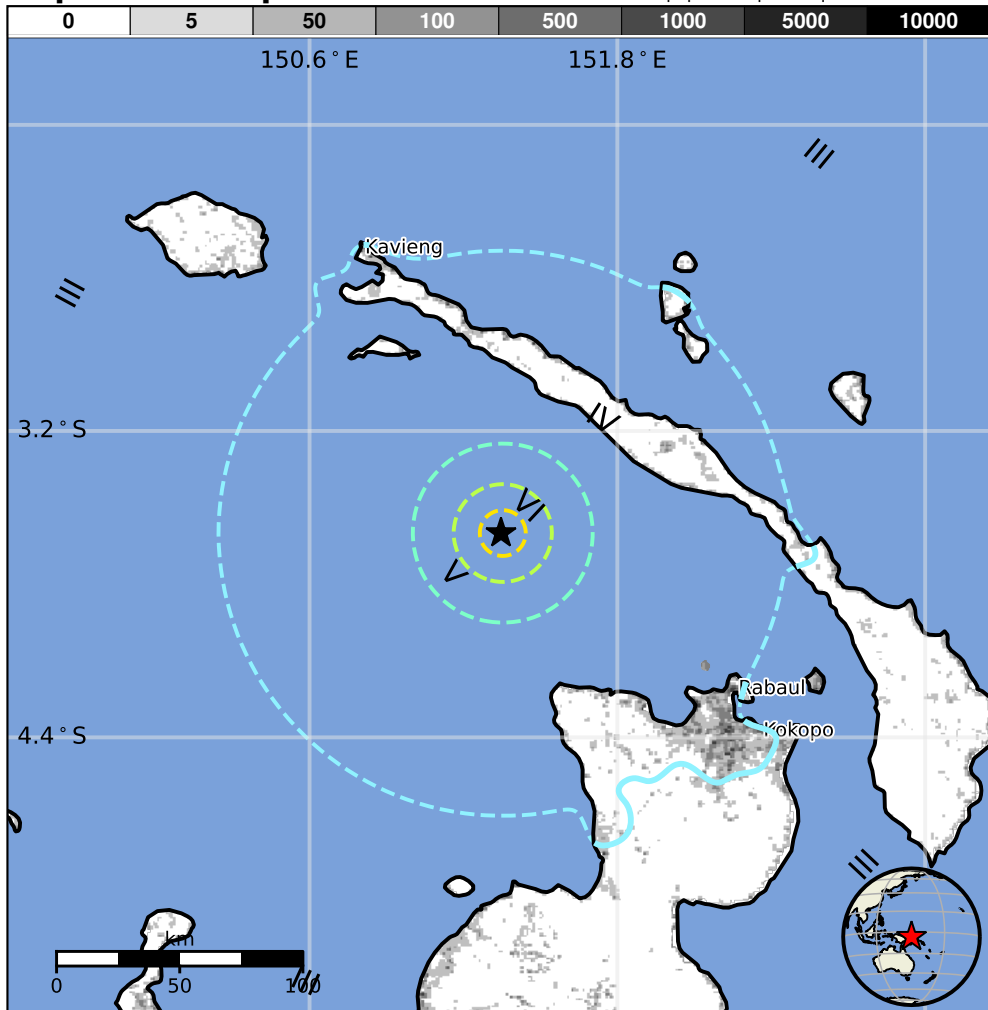


### Estimated Population Exposed to Earthquake Shaking

ESTIMATED POPULATION EXPOSURE (k=x1000)		—*	210k*	327k	0	0	0	0	0	0
ESTIMATED MODIFIED MERCALLI INTENSITY		I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+
PERCEIVED SHAKING		Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very Strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
POTENTIAL DAMAGE	Resistant Structures	None	None	None	V. Light	Light	Moderate	Mod./Heavy	Heavy	V. Heavy
	Vulnerable Structures	None	None	None	Light	Moderate	Mod./Heavy	Heavy	V. Heavy	V. Heavy

\*Estimated exposure only includes population within the map area.

### Population Exposure



### Structures

Overall, the population in this region resides in structures that are a mix of vulnerable and earthquake resistant construction. The predominant vulnerable building types are informal (metal, timber, GI etc.) and unreinforced brick masonry construction.

### Historical Earthquakes

Date (UTC)	Dist. (km)	Mag.	Max MMI(#)	Shaking Deaths
1985-05-10	221	7.2	VII(28k)	1
2000-11-16	111	8.0	VIII(131k)	1
1983-12-21	212	6.2	VII(5k)	10

Recent earthquakes in this area have caused secondary hazards such as landslides that might have contributed to losses.

### Selected City Exposure

from GeoNames.org

MMI	City	Population
IV	Rabaul	8k
IV	Kavieng	14k
IV	Kokopo	26k

bold cities appear on map.

(k = x1000)

PAGER content is automatically generated, and only considers losses due to structural damage. Limitations of input data, shaking estimates, and loss models may add uncertainty.

<https://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/eventpage/us7000laff#pager>

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